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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 560

Introduced by Assembly Members Oller and Machado
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aanestad, Campbell,
Cardoza, Cox, Dickerson, Leonard, Robert Pacheco, and
~~Thomson~~ Thomson, and Torlakson)
(Coauthors: Senators Johannessen, Knight, and Leslie)

February 19, 1999

An act to amend Section 4801 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to wildlife, *and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 560, as amended, Oller. Wildlife: mountain lions.

Proposition 117, an initiative measure approved by the electors at the June 5, 1990, primary election, enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990. Among other things, the act made the mountain lion a specially protected mammal. The act prohibits the Legislature from changing the special protection of that mammal except by a ⁴/₅ vote of the membership of both houses of the Legislature and then only consistent with, and in furtherance of, the purposes of the act.

The act authorizes the department to remove or take any mountain lion, or authorize an appropriate local agency with

public safety responsibility to remove or take any mountain lion, that is perceived to be an imminent threat to public health or safety.

This bill would, instead, authorize the department to remove or take, or authorize an appropriate local agency with public safety responsibility to remove or take, any mountain lion that is perceived to be an imminent threat to public health or safety or to the survival of the threatened, endangered, candidate, or fully protected species. The bill would state the legislative finding and declaration that this change is consistent with, and furthers the purposes of, the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ⁴/₅. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4801 of the Fish and Game Code
2 is amended to read:

3 4801. The department may remove or take any
4 mountain lion, or authorize an appropriate local agency
5 with public safety responsibility to remove or take any
6 mountain lion, that is perceived to be an imminent threat
7 to public health or safety or to the survival of the
8 threatened, endangered, candidate, or fully protected
9 species.

10 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the
11 amendments made by this act to Section 4801 of the Fish
12 and Game Code are consistent with, and further the
13 purposes of, the California Wildlife Protection Act of
14 1990.

15 SEC. 3. *This act is an urgency statute necessary for*
16 *the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,*
17 *or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the*
18 *Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts*
19 *constituting the necessity are:*



1 *In order to prevent the extinction of the Sierra Nevada*
2 *Bighorn Sheep, thereby protecting the environment, it is*
3 *necessary that this act take effect immediately.*

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